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# Press Release

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**ATTORNEY GENERAL DARRELL MCGRAW SETTLES ANTITRUST  
LAWSUIT INVOLVING THE ANTI-ANXIETY DRUG, BUSPAR  
STATE AGENCIES WILL RECEIVE \$1.1 MILLION**

Attorney General Darrell McGraw today announced that the State of West Virginia received \$1,119,224.93 in its antitrust lawsuit against Bristol-Myers Squibb Co., Watson Pharma, Inc. and Danbury Pharmacal, Inc. involving the widely-prescribed anti-anxiety drug BuSpar. West Virginia along with 34 other states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, sued Bristol and the other defendants claiming they prevented generic forms of BuSpar from being sold to consumers, thus keeping the price of the brand-name drug BuSpar unlawfully inflated.

Under the terms of the settlement, the defendants paid West Virginia and the other states \$100 million to settle the matter. West Virginia's portion of that, \$1,119,224.93, is designated for state agencies that paid higher prices than they otherwise would have absent the unlawful conduct. West Virginia consumers also participated in a claims process and received \$596,638.80 in direct payments.

"This payment to the state should help alleviate some of the costs of the state's increasing health care spending and put the drug companies on notice that West Virginia will aggressively pursue unlawful pricing schemes," said Attorney General McGraw.

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